

The Dowd's School PTO met at Dowds on September 9, 2008. The Secretary's Report from the June, 2008, meeting was approved. The Treasurer's Report was also approved. Judy Fisher has not received a bank statement yet. Diana Hunter balanced the checkbook before Judy Fisher took over as Treasurer. Our current balance is \$19106.55.

FUNDRAISER

Jackie Bishop – discussed the possibility of putting the orders together the evening the merchandise is received and putting the orders in the classrooms for the teachers to have and hand out the following day at dismissal. She will check with fundraiser company to see if this will work with them. The teacher's that attended the PTO meeting felt this would work ok as long as parents with large orders were called to make arrangements to pick up their order. Kickoff for fundraiser will be October 9 at 2:15. It will end October 20.

SOUP LABELS/BOX TOPS

Judy Fisher will be ordering 6 digital cameras using the points from last year. We are currently recruiting for a new Soup Label and Box Top person. Judy is making new cans to be put into the classrooms for the students to put their Soup Labels and Box Tops in.

BOOK FAIR

November 3 through November 7 – will be the same week as conferences.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

We are also looking for a new "School Spirit" person. Mrs. Finn said that some of the Kindergarten parents were wondering where they could get school wear to fit their kids. Cain's is working on an order form as this time. We will probably send that out and request that the completed forms be returned so that we can order by Thanksgiving. The items should then be in by Christmas.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Mr. Walker will decide what day is good for Teacher Appreciation and will let us know. Teacher Appreciation is done each month.

GO PLAY LABELS

We collect the labels from the Nestle' water and redeem for gym type merchandise. Need person to take care of this also.

OLD BUSINESS

We received and read a thank you note from Jackie Garrett thanking PTO for Field Day.

SWINGS

The issues in regard to the swings have been resolved. PTO may be checking into updating some of the playground equipment. Mr. Walker stated that Game Time (Dave Williams, rep.) may have some good deals. He suggested that we might look into something that you can add to later in phases. May need to check into grants to help with cost. Mr. Walker will check into Game Time to see what they have.

OPEN HOUSE PICNIC

Went very well – not sure what we would have done if the weather would not have cooperated. Had a nice write up in the Globe. Will consider doing this again. We should be receiving bill from Food Services for Hot Dogs and paper products.

NEW BUSINESS

SOUPER WRAPPER SUPPER

this is our Fall Family Event – it is Free Will Donation. Jen Guisinger asked if The date of the dinner could be moved to maybe sometime in the winter. The feeling was that if we moved the dinner it could conflict with too many other events. A date of October 23 (Thursday) was decided upon. We have normally done the basket raffle at the dinner but it was thought it might be a good idea to move the basket raffle to the Carnival. Mrs. Breen will be contacted to see if the Choir will be able to sing. Dinner will be advertised in the Globe.

Also talked about the possibility of doing an “Applebees” type night for Dowds in the Winter. If the weather was bad, we would not take any type of loss.

Jen Guisinger also brought up maybe doing a “Secret Santa” thing at Christmas.

TEACHER REQUESTS – BUDGET

Mr. Walker commented that since Shelby Schools are out of Fiscal Emergency, the District should be able to help with some of the bussing costs (mileage) when it comes to Field Trips. What the district can help with is still being determined but PTO might not have to fund the entire cost of the trip.

First Grade – Mrs. Hlad –

Apple Hill Apple Orchard – set for 9-24-08 – Total Cost (not including bus) \$256.00
(for all first graders- \$4.00 per child)

May also want to go to Milliron's closer to Earth Week – that would be free except for bus.

Children's Theatre – Stلالuna - \$2.50 per child

Jackie W. brought up the possibility of having the kids pay \$1.00 or so toward the trips.

Motion by Kelly Stine for PTO to pay for trips and have the kids pay \$1.00 (or whatever according to trip). Kim Geary – second. Vote taken – all in favor.

Second Grade – Mrs. Durkin –

Cleveland Museum of Natural History - \$8.00 or \$9.00 per student.

Learn to Swim at the Y – currently trying to obtain grants to pay for this program.

Price has increased from \$10.00 for member and \$15.00 for non member.

Last year, grants covered the entire cost of the swim program. The district might not be able to pick up the shuttle bus considering the type of program this is – kids go to the Y twice a week for 6 weeks.

Jackie Wasilewski thought we should wait to see what happens with the grants for the Swim program. Motion by Judy Fisher to approve the Field Trip to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Jackie Bishop – second.

Vote taken, all in favor.

Third Grade – Miss Hendricks

Morton School and Log Cabin – these are free except for bus

March 20, 2009 – Ohio Caverns - \$5.50 per child – Total cost \$540.00 (incl. bus)

May 15, 2009 – Columbus Zoo - \$3.00 per child – Special Program Fee to rent

Pavilion - \$95.00 plus bus. – Approximate Total \$500.00

They have decided not to go to the Theatre this year.

Judy Fisher made Motion to approve the third grade field trips. – Kelly Stine – 2nd

Vote taken – all in favor.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Finn

Will let us know what she needs – However, did ask for approval to purchase supplies to make phonics phones – PVC pipe – will cost about \$100.00 – Ok for her to buy supplies and submit bill to PTO

Linda Fuessner

Right to Read

Might use an election theme – would like to buy little packets that have 3 things in them to give to the students – Total Cost - \$168.00

Also, would like to purchase home reading records (red, white and blue) – Total cost \$65.40 for entire school – there could be some other things also, that she would like

Jackie Bishop made motion to approve these costs.

Judy Fisher – second

Vote taken – all in favor

Mrs. McClish

Shriner's Picnic at Fairgrounds – (make sure this bill is divided by 4 - 4 different classes will be going – 2 from Auburn – 1 from Dowds and 1 from Middle School.) – There is no admission – Just the bus fee.

Fall Trip to Iron Spring Farm Corn Maze – New Washington

\$16.50 for all + bus fee

Trip to Road House – again bus bill to be divided by 4

Gorman Nature Center – no fee except for bus

She does have a private donor and Mrs. McClish does apply these funds to her Field Trip expenses in the spring

Kelly Stine made Motion to approve Mrs. McClish field trip expenses.

Judy Fisher – Second

Vote taken – all in favor

Jackie Wasilewski did point out that she was pleased with the teacher's for talking favorably with their classes about the Fundraiser. – This is how we get the funds for these Field Trips.

Also, teacher's expressed their thanks for the lunch on their workday. PTO supplied.